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SUBJECT: MINERALS/METAL DATA

REF: (A) LONDON 15146, (B) STATE 232434

1. IN RESPONSE REF (A), POST MAY WISH TO INFORM WORLD BUREAU OF METAL STATISTICS THAT DEPT HAS ALREADY SPOKEN WITH JOHN KEITH, DATA PROCESSING MANAGER FOR AMER. BUREAU OF METAL STATISTICS. KEITH INFORMED DEPT THAT FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE PRINTED PAGE.
2. COMMODITIES RESEARCH UNIT (CRU) NOT INCLUDED IN REF (A) BECAUSE DEPT ALREADY HAS CRU BROCHURE ON THEIR "INTERNATIONAL METALS DATA BANK". POST MAY ASK CRU IF THEIR 15-PAGE BOOKLET (UNDATED) PLUS SAMPLE LISTINGS IS THE LATEST WORD ON THE DATA BANK. SPECIFICALLY, DEPT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: METALS CURRENTLY COVERED IN DATABANK, COUNTRIES INCLUDED, AND FULL LIST OF INDICATORS AVAILABLE FOR EACH METAL WITHIN EACH INCLUDED COUNTRY.
3. REGARDING FOLLOW-UP WITH WOLFF'S DAVID WAITE: DEPT NOT INTERESTED AT THIS TIME IN SHORT-TERM MARKETING DATA, WHICH IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN U.S. POST SHOULD NOT RPT NOT, THEREFORE, FOLLOW THAT PARTICULAR LEAD.

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4. REGARDING LME AND BANK OF ENGLAND (REF (A) PARA 1D
ST. JOHN WILL BE ABLE DISCUSS OUR NEEDS FIRST HAND, AS
POST SUGGESTS.

5. FYI: DEPT ALSO EXPLORING DATA SOURCES IN US, SUCH AS
METALS WEEK (MCGRAW-HILL) AND METAL STATISTICS (AMER.
METAL MARKET-FAIRCHILD PUBLICATIONS). END FYI. KISSINGER

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